Leicester, Sept 20. '59

Dear & excellent Charles C. Burleigh,

What are you doing? Where are you? Where is the Report? And what are its prospects? These are questions which are getting to weigh more & more heavily on my mind, and I cannot longer forbear ~~utte~~ speering them at you. - You know you mentioned six weeks as the time for completing the MSS. I confess I thought this too short, unless you gave much the greater part of your time

to it. But some 16 weeks have rolled off since the N. Eng'd, convention, and 18 since the Annt. Meeting; and the printing is yet to begin! — Can you say when the MSS. can be laid before the Ex. Comtee? Not to fret you, (you will acquit me of that, I'm sure,) I feel that we are getting rather too near winter.

Only think! within 3 days of each other fall two of our most trusty and devoted associates!

Eftmpham L. Capron died last Friday, — Samuel Philbrick died yesterday! Alas - how can we supply their loss - how can we get on without them. - "who will fill the vacant places"?

I attended E. L. Capron's funeral, which took place at Uxbridge yesterday. No arrangements whatever had been made to have the Gospel which he loved preached to the great congregation which assembled on the occasion. Some sectarian commonplaces were poured forth, in a rotund voice, from a rotund ~~[illegible]~~ oily-looking person,

over our dear friend's body;
and it was left for me alone,
at the close of the last services,
to bear a sort of (indignant;)
testimony to our ~~dear~~ friend's
worth, & faithful, unflinching devotion
for nigh 30 yrs. to the A. S. Cause.
- I rec'd. the thanks of a few afterwards
of one or two of his distant connexions, &
one of his daughters, of Edward Harris
Woonsocket, and of Henry Chapin of
Worcester. -

Let me hear from you
soon. Ever truly Yrs

Sam'l May Jr

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